

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

11th. December, 1956.

At the coming Congress of the Federation of Australian Speleo-logists to be held at Adelaide, our Club will be represented by Mr. F. Brown, who will be our spokesman, and Mr. A. Goede. Being the Senior Caving Club in Australia we may expect the next Congress to be held in Tasmania. Only time will tell.

Trip Reports.

3 - 4th. November: On Saturday photographs were taken in the Tourist cave at Hastings for a new photographic display in the Chalet. On Sunday Mystery Corner was inspected. The Committee has since decided that Mystery Corner is not to be opened for public inspection as a memorial to the late Harry Cornelius.

24 - 25th. November: A party of 11 visited Pillinger's Creek Cave. Apparently the talus in this cave is far from being stable. Numerous talus slides seem to have taken place since the last trip held eight years ago. Maximum depth reached was 124 feet, estimated depth reached eight years ago was 250 feet.

8 - 9th. December: A party of 14 visited Hastings. On Saturday a small party (4) went scrub-bashing near the new road and investigated a new cave reported to be under the new road. This cave, approx. 12' x 2' x 5' high is about three feet underneath the surface of the road. It contained a certain amount of water. Surface investigations resulted in the discovery of several promising surface features. Anyone capable of swinging a pick and sledge is invited to attend the next trip to Hastings. The same four people then played Tarzan and went looking for a "huge" cave reported to be near a "big" tree on Chesterman's timber lease on the other side of the hill. As a result a few hundred trees have been blazed but no cave has been discovered. On Sunday the party visited Hells Half Acre. The position for next year's underground Base Camp was then fixed.

New Members:

D.R. Latham 189 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

Peter Hall (Junior) c/o Mr. G. Hall, Mt. Lyell Co. Queenstown.

FORWARD PROGRAM:

Friday, 14th. December: Combined Walking and Caverneering Club Social. Contact Mr. D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point.

Friday, 21st. December: Caverneering Club Social to be held at Mr. Kent's home, Howrah. Names to Secretary in advance.

26 December - 4 January: X-mas trip to Mole Creek. Names to Secretary in advance.

Long Weekend - January: Scrub-bashing. contact Mr. D. Seymour.

M. H. de Vries,  
Hon. Secretary. 'Phone B 5247.

Famous Last Words. "There is a big Tree."

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